

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, attachment I gives a full overview of all recently adopted measures and their projected effect. ECCP policies and other actions by Member States to date, in combination with restructuring of European industry, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe, have contributed to an absolute reduction of annual carbon dioxide emissions of some 305 million tonnes, 4.8 percent, across the EU-25 in 2004.

Attachment II provides an overview of the performance of individual Member States. In 2004, the EU-15, which shares the EU's Kyoto target of an 8 percent reduction, had reduced their greenhouse gas emissions by 0.9 percent compared to 1990 levels even though they recorded economic growth of 32 percent from 1990 to 2004. The average EU-15 member state's emissions over the most recent 5-year period are currently 2 percent below 1990 level.

Attachment III provides an overview of the planned use by individual Member States of the Kyoto mechanisms. The EU will make use of the cost-effective reduction options offered by its participation in the global carbon market, based on the Kyoto's flexible mechanisms, to meet its target.

In summary Mr. President, the EU has made good progress and its ultimate success will depend upon the speed and thoroughness of the implementation by Member States of legislative and domestic measures. Total projections for the EU-15 Member States show that the Kyoto targets can be met if Member States implement additional planned domestic measures and use the flexible mechanisms.

Despite this meaningful progress, the EU realizes that much more has to be done. Its climate change policy does not stop in 2012, the end of the Kyoto Treaty. The European Commission has also adopted a Communication outlining key elements for a strategy for further action post 2012. They include: the need for broader participation by countries and sectors; the development of low-carbon technologies; the continued and expanded use of market-based instruments; and the need to adapt to the inevitable impacts of climate change. A follow-up Communication with proposals for concrete steps at European and international levels is planned for the end of 2006.

These policies, and others like them, provide the necessary strong, long-term signals to industry, EU Member State governments, and the wider international community that the EU is committed to tackling climate change and expects all of its institutions, businesses, and citizens to do their part.

Many here in the US will try to use another country's failure or inaction as an excuse for not doing anything. But it is just that, an excuse. The harsh reality is that we all need to be doing more—and that means the United States too. Just as we cannot allow the EU challenges to serve as the basis for our inaction, I certainly hope that the

EU would not allow our lack of action to hinder their efforts to address this significant problem.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

GRAND OPENING OF THE ROTARY CLUBS OF MODESTO CENTENNIAL JUNCTION

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I celebrate the grand opening of the Rotary Clubs of Modesto Centennial Junction section of the Virginia Corridor and to recognize the United Rotary Clubs of Modesto's extraordinary contributions and support for the Virginia Corridor Rails-to-Trails project. When I visited the site in July of 2002, the Virginia Corridor was very much just an idea. However, as a result of the hard work of a number of city officials and staff members, and the determination of a group of motivated citizens, the entire Virginia Corridor will soon become a reality.

The United Rotary Clubs of Modesto, an organization that played an instrumental role to this project, is comprised of the five local Rotary clubs: the Modesto Rotary Club, the Modesto East Rotary Club, the Modesto Gateway Rotary Club, the Modesto North Rotary Club, and the Modesto Sunrise Rotary Club. Together, the local rotary clubs contributed significant funding for the trail segment between Roseburg and Orangeburg Avenues. The rotary clubs donated and installed lighting, a 10-foot wide asphalt trail surface, a kiosk, fencing and irrigation. This quarter mile trail, which will be known as the Rotary Clubs of Modesto Centennial Junction of the Virginia Corridor, features a trail with lighting, landscaping, benches, picnic tables and seat walls.

The Virginia Corridor Rails-to-Trails project is a truly collaborative effort between the city of Modesto, the State of California, the Federal Government, and a host of local community interests that, once completed, will successfully transform a once abandoned rail corridor into a premier linear park, trail and recreational gathering place in one of the fastest growing cities in California's Central Valley.

When completed, the Virginia Corridor will stretch nearly 4 miles from Modesto's central business district to the northern boundary of the city. Once completed, this trail will link neighborhoods by providing a safe and scenic commuter route to schools, parks, and restaurants for bicyclists and pedestrians. The Virginia Corridor will also offer a place for Modesto's outdoor enthusiasts to pursue a myriad of outdoor activities, as it will link three primary bike paths that include: the Hetch Hetchy Trail in North Modesto, the class I trails in Dry Creek Regional Park and the Tuolumne River Regional Park.

I congratulate the city of Modesto on the opening of the Rotary Clubs of Modesto Centennial Junction of the Vir-

ginia Corridor. I especially commend the invaluable contributions of the United Rotary Clubs of Modesto which, through their generosity and commitment to public service, have provided a community jewel that will go a long way towards improving the quality of life for the people of Modesto.●

HONORING OFFICER MICHEL O. CONLEY

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Officer Michel O. Conley, who lost his life in Colorado's Big Thompson Flood of 1976.

Thirty years ago, more than 1 foot of rain fell in a matter of hours, causing a flash flood in Big Thompson Canyon. One hundred and forty four people were killed and over \$30 million in property damage occurred. We remember those who died in this natural disaster and also the survivors who had to rebuild their lives, working as a community to start over again. This week, outside of my hometown of Loveland, CO, survivors of this tragedy gathered to commemorate the Big Thompson Flood. Though I could not be with them, my thoughts and prayers were. I speak on the Senate floor today as a tribute to this special event.

I ask that the following letter, which I wrote for the Memorial Service for Officer Michel O. Conley, be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OFFICER MICHEL O. CONLEY; 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIG THOMPSON FLOOD

DEAR MS. MARKS AND GUESTS: As we look back thirty years ago today we remember the shock and devastation that took place in the Big Thompson Canyon, and the loss of Officer Michel O. Conley.

Joan and I arrived just after the crest from the flood had passed through Loveland and were astounded by the destruction. We were devastated by the tragedy which affected our community.

The loss of Officer Michel Conley of the Estes Park Police Department is part of that tragedy. However, in his acts of service and selflessness he helped to prevent what could have been more losses. He helped to save approximately 60 people before he was lost in flood. His gallantry and bravery are to be commended.

Joan's and my prayers and thoughts are with you today as you commemorate the Big Thompson Canyon Flood and the life of Officer Conley, and with all whose lives were affected by this tragedy.

Sincerely,

WAYNE ALLARD,
U.S. Senator.●

IN MEMORY OF DR. FELICIA H. STEWART

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman, renowned reproductive health expert Dr. Felicia Hance Stewart. Dr. Stewart died on April 13 at the age of 63. Her energy, compassion, intelligence and tireless commitment to